

ASK COUNCIL TO BUILD BRIDGE IN WEST END

Resolutions Favor Ornamental Structure Over River From Foot of Meadow Street.

CANDIDATES PRESENT CLAIMS

Gramham B. Hobson Makes His First Address of This Campaign—Says City Hall Leaders Do Not Control Vote of City Employees.

Resolution calling on the City Council to appropriate money for the construction of a bridge across the James River from the West End was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council. Mayor Ainslie, who was elected on the platform of opposing the bridge, was present and made a speech in which he expressed his opposition to the bridge and his support for the candidates who were running for the City Council.

HOBSON MAKES HIS FIRST ADDRESS OF THIS CAMPAIGN

Gramham B. Hobson, also a candidate for the City Council, made his first public address in the city during the campaign. He spoke before a large gathering at the City Hall and expressed his views on the bridge and the candidates. He also mentioned the importance of the City Council's decision on the bridge.

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came in turn. The latter were Charles A. Seaton, T. Gray Haddon, President H. Lee Peters, Parsons P. Pilecher, Gilbert K. Pollock, Jacob Unkuff, Albert C. Boshen, and Edgar B. English. The latter two are the construction of a West End bridge now pending before the Finance Committee. It was Mr. Pollock's first appearance in public meeting, and he has been ill for some time, and he was well received by the City Council. The next constituents, President Peters stated that he was father of the resolution for the construction of a river-side drive, and said he believed the city was financially able to build an approach bridge. Mr. Unkuff thought his two years out of the City Council had given him a vision which would be helpful if he were elected. Messrs. Seaton and Haddon referred to their work on the Finance Committee. Mr. Haddon said he had given of his time and the best of his ability in advancing the interests of the city, and Mr. Boshen promised an active support of all measures which would aid in rebuilding the city, maintaining the steady growth of Richmond.

Warm applause was given to Mr. English as patron of the bridge resolution, and he replied that, if elected, he would continue the aggressive policy for principles and benefits which has characterized his first term in the City Council.

DU PONT COMPANY ANNOUNCES PLANS

Following the recommendations made by the powder company, the City Council is expected to pass a resolution authorizing the construction of a bridge across the James River. The Du Pont Company has announced its plans for the bridge and the surrounding area, including the construction of a large plant in the West End.

WILL OPEN ONE UNIT AS SOON AS COMPLETED

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the land boom in Williamsburg, which began with the purchase of several acres of 1,900 acres of land fronting on the York River by Daniel Catlett, said to have been representing the powder company. When the site was bought there were rumors that an explosive plant would be built on it, and although these rumors were not confirmed until yesterday, speculators from all parts of Virginia immediately looked there, believing that another Hopewell would spring up.

REALTY VALUES HAVE JUMPED 600 PER CENT

Real estate values jumped 600 per cent almost overnight, and practically all available land in and around the town and clear across the fourteen-mile stretch to Yorktown was bought in. Reports of sudden riches being made in these dealings spread far and wide, and speculators came from the east and west to plunge into the scramble for land.

Thus the Colonial capital of Virginia was suddenly transformed from a quiet village, living largely in the glory of its historic past, into a bustling community, with a real estate office on almost every other corner. Land was such a demand that plots which a month ago could have been bought for a few thousand dollars were sold for several times as much. The old Colonial inn alone brought \$20,000, and other sites sold for as much or more.

ALL NAMES TO APPEAR ON ONE BALLOT AT PRIMARY

The City Council has decided to use a single ballot for all names in the primary election. This decision is intended to simplify the voting process and to ensure that all candidates are listed on the same ballot.

AMUSEMENTS

Concerning Little 'Pollyanna'. The play 'Pollyanna' is being performed at the Academy for three nights and a matinee, beginning Thursday, March 23. The play is a heartwarming story of a young girl who brings joy to a gloomy household.

FIRE VISITS BALTIMORE WITH LOSS OF \$600,000

A large fire in Baltimore has caused a loss of \$600,000. The fire destroyed a large manufacturing plant and several surrounding buildings. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

TO FLOAT CANADIAN LOAN

A group of American bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., is negotiating with Canadian bankers for the flotation of a new Canadian loan. The loan is intended to provide funds for the construction of a new bridge across the James River.

MILITARY WILL ESCORT TILLMAN TO AUDITORIUM

Major W. McK. Evans, Chief Marshal, Issues Special Order for Parade.

LOCAL VETERANS FAVOR BILL

Proposes Reimbursement to South of Money Illegally Confiscated by Federal Government During and After War Between the States.

All the various military organizations of the city will assemble at Elba Station, 2 1/2 miles south of the city, tomorrow afternoon to act as a special escort to Congressman John N. Tillman, of Arkansas, who is to speak in the City Auditorium and at which time he will examine the proposed Federal bill which, if it passes, will guarantee to every Confederate veteran, or his widow, \$500 in cash and \$20 monthly for the remainder of his or her life.

The following special order regarding details of the reception, which is to be held at Elba Station, and Mrs. Tillman, was issued yesterday by W. McK. Evans, chief marshal. All organizations taking part in the parade will assemble at Elba Station, 2 1/2 miles south of the city, tomorrow afternoon, March 19, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

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GOVERNOR SIGNS FIRST OF SERIES OF TAX BILLS

Changes Name of Advisory Board to State Tax Board and Enlarges Its Powers.

CLARIFIES PRESENT LAWS

Powers of Central Authority Are Increased and Duties of Local Boards of Review Made Explicit—Many Other Bills Are Signed.

Governor Stuart yesterday signed a long list of bills prominent among which was House bill No. 52. This bill changes the name of the State Advisory Board of Taxation to the State Tax Board, and increases the powers of the board. The bill is appropriated for the necessary expenses of the board and clears up a number of questions that formerly were of worry to local taxing authorities.

The complete list of the bills signed, as well as two which the Governor vetoed, because similar bills had been signed from the other branch of the General Assembly, follows: House bill No. 216, imposing a license of \$1,000 a performance on circuses or carnivals showing adjacent to the grounds of agricultural fairs; House bill No. 218, providing for the assessment and taxation of real estate, stock and furniture; Senate bill No. 291, providing a license tax on live stock auctioneers; House bill No. 582 (tax bill), changing the name of the State Advisory Board on Taxation to the State Tax Board, increasing its powers and duties, appropriating \$10,000 for its expenses, and clarifying the law with reference to the duties of local boards of review.

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To Aid in Relieving Freight Congestion I. C. C. Asks Railroads About Distribution of Cars and Embargo Notices.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Notice was served today by the Interstate Commerce Commission on all of the railroads of the United States to file or promptly as possible copies of all rules and regulations governing the distribution of cars, and copies of all embargo notices in force on this date.

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Several others of the groups that are to participate in the pageant are negotiating for large conveyances, both motor and animal power, to carry them to the scene. Realizing that by this means many more persons can see the pageant, the girls are enthusiastic and the road to Westhampton on the dates of the big event will be a colorful one, free to any anything of the sounds from the trotting players, who will both sing and play the Elizabethan tunes while on the way to the pageant. The Boy Scouts will be asked to "like" to the grounds and pitch tent there; the girls are to be in the Staff-Club of the Collegiate School, and as there is a fund rather than a fashionable interpretation of the life of the Elizabethan period, they feel that their means of being transported to Westhampton is in keeping.

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CELESTINS VICHY Natural Alkaline Water. Used at meals prevents Dyspepsia and Relieves Gout, Indigestion and Uric Acid. Ask your Physician.